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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE
BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MEGUID (EGYPT) AND AMBASSADOR SCALI
IN CONNECTION WITH ROCK-THROWING INCIDENT.

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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED
NATIONS JAN. 27, 1975

NO. 46

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

FOLLOWING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, YESTERDAY, SUNDAY
26 OF JANUARY, I REGRET TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION,
IN WRITING, THE RESULTS OF THE REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS INVOL-
VING DAMAGES CAUSED TO THE FACADE OF THE MISSION AND TO
THE WINDOWS OF MY OFFICE. THE DAMAGES WERE CAUSED BY STONE
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THROWING HOOLIGANS, ACTING UNDER THE GUISE OF FREEDOM OF

SELF-EXPRESSION, IN A DEMONSTRATION AT 4:00 PM. YESTERDAY, IN VIOLATION OF THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC LAW 92-539, "ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES".

AT 2:30 AM., SUNDAY, 26 OF JANUARY 1975, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO FORCE THE MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR OF THE MISSION. THE ATTEMPT WAS FOILED BY SOME OF OUR STAFF IN THE MISSION WHO WERE AROUSED ON TIME.

I AM CONVINCED THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE ILLEGAL ACTS WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE, IF THE NECESSARY POLICE PROTECTION HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL HERE THAT THE MINIMAL PROTECTION OF THE PREMISES OF THE MISSION WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION, WAS WITHDRAWN ABOUT A WEEK AGO.

I CONSIDER THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ATTACKS AND THE ENSUING DAMAGES ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE LACK OF SUCH PROTECTION.

GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD REQUEST FROM YOU TO UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES, INCLUDING APPREHENDING THE PERPETRATORS OF SUCH TERRORIST ACTS. IN THE MEANTIME, A FULL ESTIMATE OF THE DAMAGES AND REPARATION COSTS WILL BE MADE AND I SHALL FORWARD IT TO YOU.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS IN THE MATTER, PLEASE ACCEPT MR. AMBASSADOR THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
YOURS SINCERELY, DR. A. ESMAT ABDEL MEGUID
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JANUARY 27, 1975

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COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO A DEMONSTRATION WHICH OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF THE EGYPTIAN MISSION ON JANUARY 26. ACCORDING TO A POLICE REPORT RECEIVED BY THE UNITED STATES MISSION, A DEMONSTRATION APPARENTLY ORGANIZED BY THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE TOOK PLACE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. FOLLOWING THIS DEMONSTRATION, THE DEMONSTRATORS PROCEEDED UNDER POLICE ESCORT AND CONTROL FROM THIRD AVENUE TO MADISON AVENUE

AND 67TH STREET WHERE THEY WERE CONFINED TO AN AREA ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST 67TH STREET FROM A POINT OF ABOUT 25 FEET FROM THE EAST CORNER OF MADISON AVENUE.

THE REPORT STATES THAT BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THESE DEMONSTRATORS, A SMALL GROUP APPARENTLY DETACHED THEMSELVES FROM THE MAIN BODY (WHICH WAS THEN STILL IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET MISSION) AND AT ABOUT 2:55 IN THE AFTERNOON THREW STONES AT THE EGYPTIAN MISSION, BREAKING A WINDOW ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND SPLATTERING WITH PAINT A PORTION OF THE FRONT WALL OF THE BUILDING. THIS INCIDENT WAS NOT OBSERVED BY THE POLICE WHO WERE STILL ESCORTING THE LARGER GROUP. AT 3:50 IN THE AFTERNOON APPROXIMATELY 30 OF THE DEMONSTRATORS AT THE EGYPTIAN MISSION ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK MADISON AVENUE. EIGHT DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT, THREE OF WHOM WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES LATER THE SAME AFTERNOON EXPRESSED HIS SEVERE DISAPPROVAL TO THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR OF THESE ACTS OF VANDALISM INFLICTED UPON THE EGYPTIAN MISSION AND CONVEYED HIS PERSONAL REGRETS. AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT THE UNITED STATES MISSION REQUESTED AND OBTAINED FROM THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT A FIXED POST IN FRONT OF THE EGYPTIAN MISSION WHICH WILL BE MAINTAINED ON A 24-HOUR BASIS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE UNITED STATES MISSION WISHES TO REITERATE THE EXPRESSIONS ALREADY CONVEYED AND HAS REQUESTED THE POLICE TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO APPREHEND THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE SENSELESS ACTS OF VANDALISM DIRECTED AGAINST THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT. UNQTE
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